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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST - SCHEDULE

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1. AM MEETING MFA CHIEF OF PROTOCOL SAID HAMZA
TOMORROW MORNING TO DRAFT INITIAL SCHEDULE FOR
SECRETARY'S VISIT. HAMZA WILL SEND IT TO FAHMY,
WHO WILL OBTAIN PRESIDENT SADAT'S VIEWS. AS PREVIOUSLY
REPORTED, GIVEN GOE PROCEDURES, IT UNLIKELY THAT
APPROVED SCHEDULE WILL BE AVAILABLE BEFORE THURSDAY,
JULY 28.

2. RE PARA 4, FAHMY MAY BE EXPECTED INSIST
THAT THERE BE SEPARATE MEETING WITH HIM. GIVEN ROLE
HE PLAYS IN GOE HIERARCHY, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD ACCEDE
TO HIS REQUEST.

3. WILL SEND SEPARATE SCHEDULE FOR MRS. VANCE, BEARING
IN MIND HER ARCHEOLOGICAL INTERESTS. THERE ARE SEVERAL
GOOD ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES IN ALEXANDRIA, AS WELL AS
GREEK/ROMAN MUSEUM. GIVEN DISTANCES AND TRAFFIC,
SEEING THESE SITES WILL REQUIRE BETTER PART OF
THURSDAY, AUGUST 2. MRS. SADAT HAS BEEN INFORMED
THAT MRS. VANCE WILL ACCOMPANY THE SECRETARY AND SHE
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AND/OR MRS. FAHMY WILL PROBABLY WISH EXTEND HOSPITALITY.
OUR EXPERIENCE WITH SADAT FAMILY DINNERS AND LUNCHESES
HAS BEEN THAT THEY ARE USUALLY INFORMAL AFFAIRS WITHOUT
FANFARE OR PROTOCOL.

4. HAVE JUST TALKED WITH PRESIDENCY DIRECTOR HASSAN
KAMEL, WHO CONFIRMS THAT TOP THREE FLOORS OF

PALESTINE HOTEL HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR SECVISIT.

5. AM SENDING ADMIN COUNSELOR RALPH SCARRITT AND
S/S LIAISON OFFICER JOHN CRAIG TO ALEXANDRIA
TODAY TO BEGIN PREPARATIONS. THEY AND CONGEN PERSONNEL
WILL WORK WITH HASSAN KAMEL'S OFFICE. I TENTATIVELY
PLAN LEAVE FOR ALEXANDRIA WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. SINCE SADAT AND
FAHMY THERE, I WANT TO BE CLOSE AT HAND DURING PREPARATORY PERIOD.
OTHER MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF WHO WILL HAVE TO BE DEPLOYED
TO ALEXANDRIA WILL LEAVE LATER IN THE WEEK.
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